

To Whom It May Concern,

I am contacting you in response to the threat that is being created against the ability of XM Radio and other non-monopolistic satellite radio systems from broadcasting traffic and weather. I find it amazing how these large conglomerates can just use their dollars to sway the law, continually 'merging' and adding to their monopoly. They lobby the FCC to benefit themselves without ever considering the impact on society and the people.

The people have the right to choose, I choose to not listen to Clear Channel's radio stations that are filled with the same 40 songs on a random shuffle 24-hours a day with hours and hours of my time wasted by the banter of annoying DJs and endless commercials. I choose to subscribe to XM Radio, just as I select to subscribe to satellite TV instead of the monopoly cable company. XM, like other 'non-traditional' providers (DirecTV, Sirius, DishNetwork, etc) give consumers the option to pay to have better service than the monopolies provide.

Please do not allow the large, deep pocketed radio broadcasters to continue with the bending and shaping of laws to benefit their profits. Consumers deserve to have a choice, please protect the choice and the full service companies like XM allow. I currently use XM when I am on business trips, I find it very useful to get traffic information instantly instead of having to wade through 30 minutes of commercials and banter to get the 45-seconds of useful information as would be required by Clear Channel or other conglomerate broadcasters.

Please protect my choice and those of the millions of other users that choose to not feed the monopolies created by the endless predatory conglomerate broadcasters. Please don't allow the NAB to force the FCC into continually changing regulations to serve the NAB at the expense of the public.

Sincerely,
Russel Callen